

Regulation of Sales Bill.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I move for leave to introduce the Cochin Regulation of Sales Bill.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Resolutions.

As the following resolutions were not moved they were considered withdrawn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—*This Council recommends that in view of the small and uniform grade of pay fixed for typists irrespective of service the Government may be pleased to place typists of 15 years standing or more in the same grade as that of second grade clerks on Rs. 40 to 60 per mensem.*

2. **Mr. George Chakyamuri.**—*This Council recommends the Government that the pay of the District Superintendent of Police be raised to the level of the pay of the Assistant Engineers.*

3. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—*This Council recommends to the Government to carry out their proposal to appoint a Service Commission without any more delay.*

8. Auction sales of lands.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—*This Council recommends to the Government that the auction sales of lands for recovering of land revenue arrears or debts due to private creditors, be conducted as a rule in the village office in the jurisdiction of which the property concerned is situated.*

This resolution seeks for a modification of the existing system of auction sales in connection with the recovery of Land Revenue arrears. The modifications suggested in the interests of poor agriculturists with a view that they get a better price in the auction sales. As it is all the sales generally take place in the taluk office and often times far away from the villages where the properties concerned are situated. Now it is evident that it is only neighbours of the properties concerned will be prepared to bid and will be prepared to give better prices than people far away. There is always the consideration of neighbourhood which prompts them to give high price for the properties. But such people could not go to the Taluk Office and very often it is not known. There may be a notification in the Gazette or in the Taluk office. What happens is this. There are a few people who may be considered as a professional sort of bidders. They bid properties for small amounts and thus make a profit. I think it is not difficult for the Government to make such a change and I expect that the Government would accept the resolution which seeks to create no difficulty for them, but at the same time only